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The design for this years SAA meetings is inspired by the ongoing tradition of basket making in California. The designs reflect the baskets made by the various people for whom the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta is a traditional homeland. The outermost ring reflects the Yokuts rattlesnake design. The middle ring is inspired by Patwin basket design elements and the innermost ring is inspired by Miwok techniques. In the middle is a "Tracy Lake Crescent" and signals the shared and continued importance of the bear for these groups. The colors of the logo remind the reader of the depth of traditions and dances of Native California and reference specific regalia. Designed by Eric Wilder (Kashaya Pomo).



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Dear Colleague:

SAA's 76th Annual Meeting is almost upon us! We are delighted to bring our meeting out west to beautiful Sacramento. With a broad array of papers, posters, and forums, the 2011 meeting promises to deliver a vibrant scholarly program as well as a host of other activities!

The opening session this year will be my President's Forum. The forum is entitled "NAGPRA and the Generation of New Research Questions and Practices." With NAGPRA at its 20-year anniversary, this session will showcase how consultation and collaboration in the NAGPRA era has generated a variety of new questions, new research and new ways of doing archaeology into the 21st century. I hope you can join us for this special forum to help kick-off the 76th Annual Meeting.

New this year, a free career-building event exclusively for students and post-grads! The event is a CV/Resumé review that provides an excellent opportunity to have your resumé/cv reviewed by archaeologists active in different employment sectors. Representatives from the academy, museums, government, and CRM archaeology will be present to look over your resumé and make suggestions to tailor it for the most effective impact for different kinds of job situations. Lunch will be provided to all participants and registration (and lunch) is completely free, thanks to our sponsors! Sign up through advance registration to ensure your spot with the expert you need.

In looking forward to the 2011 meeting, think of Sacramento as a California destination: with the Sierra Mountains and Napa-Sonoma Valley wineries nearby and plenty of great archaeology. I hope you can join us for what is sure to be a memorable meeting!

Meg Conkey, RPA, President

FROM THE SACRAMENTO PROGRAM CHAIR



Dear Colleagues:

Join us in the Golden State for the SAA's 76th Annual Meeting in Sacramento! The schedule is filled with a wide variety of activities to satiate your archaeological and social appetites. With over 2,200 submissions covering a vast array of topics, the Ethics Bowl, Silent Auction, local tours, and more, it is bound to be action-packed for everyone. Sessions will continue through noon on Sunday, so plan on staying through then and even more to explore the wonders of California. To accommodate and enjoy all of these sessions, it is important that chairs and presenters keep their sessions and papers on time. Also, don't forget to wear your badges (yes, we do need badges)! We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a truly exciting annual meeting!

Jennifer Perry

FROM THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the River City! Sacramento is thrilled to be the host of the 76th Annual Meeting. The venue for the meeting is the Sacramento Convention Center, along with the Hyatt and Sheraton as co-headquarters hotels, all conveniently located near many good eateries, brew pubs, shops, and points of historical interest such as Old Sacramento and the California State Railroad Museum. So there will be plenty to do between all of the excellent papers.

Springtime is exquisite in the Capitol City with daily temperatures in the 70s. If you need to recharge your mind from the heady discussions and paper presentations, walk across the street to the beautiful capitol grounds and enjoy a brief respite in the rose garden, stroll amongst the many statues and memorials or take an informative tour of the state capitol building.

This year's Society tours showcase the diversity of California and its cultural resources from gold mines to middens and shipwrecks—there will surely be something to pique your interest and make this year's meeting an event to be remembered. Please join us!

Sannie, Dana & Susan